



Idaho Board of Pharmacy

Policy Statement

Changes to a Written Schedule II Prescription Drug Order

Background: The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Diversion Control Division is in the process of reviewing allowable changes a pharmacist may make to a schedule II paper prescription. During this interim period the following guidance has been provided:

“pharmacists should adhere to state regulations or policy regarding those changes that a pharmacist may make to a schedule II prescription after oral consultation with the prescriber.”¹

Policy: Pursuant to I.C. § 37-2722 any schedule II prescription must be dispensed pursuant to a valid prescription drug order, contain a quantity that is both spelled out in English and written in numerical form, and not be refilled.

The following items shall not be substantively changed:

- Name and or Signature of the Prescribing Physician
- Date of the Prescription
- Patient’s Full Name
- Drug Name

Any other change deemed necessary and within the acceptable Idaho Community Standard of Care may be made to a written schedule II prescription, provided that the pharmacist verbally contacts the issuing prescriber and documents the authorized change(s).

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1. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration. (2022, October 18). Changes pharmacists may make to Schedule II paper prescriptions (Guidance Document No. DEA-DC-063). U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration.